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1. CAMEROONIAN LAWYER FOR AMCIT HAS QUERIED EMBASSY ABOUT VALIDITY IN U.S. OF CERTAIN LEGAL ACT PERFORMED IN CAMEROON. MARITAL SEPARATION AGREEMENT DRAWN UP BETWEEN TWO AMCITS, NOTARIZED BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTARY PUBLIC, NOW BEING MODIFIED BEFORE QUALIFIED CAMEROONIAN JUDGE. (ACTUAL DIVORCE WAS IN HAITI.) LAWYER ASKS WHETHER DOCUMENT AS REVISED WILL REMAIN BINDING UNDER U.S. LAW.

2. BECAUSE QUESTION HAS GENERAL JURISDICTIONAL ASPECT AND NOT SIMPLY MATTER OF PARTICULAR POINT OF LAW, EMBASSY WISHES KNOW IF WE SHOULD PROVIDE ANSWER AND, IF SO, WHAT ANSWER. ALTERNATIVELY, SHOULD WE ONLY MAKE CURRENT U.S. LAWYERS DIRECTORY AVAILABLE TO INQUIRER? IN SUCH CASE, IN WHICH JURISDICTION SHOULD HE SEEK LAWYER? MOORE

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